

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TRIPOLI 01232 131507Z

44

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SAM-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03

H-01 INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 IO-10 SCCT-01 EB-04 /081 W

----- 092145

P 131440Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1700

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1232

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LY PO

SUBJECT: SOARES VISIT TO LIBYA

REF: LISBON 4925

1. PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES LEFT LIBYA NOV 12 AFTER THREE-DAY VISIT. SOARES MET QADHAFI, AND HAD TALKS WITH DELEGATION LED ON LIBYAN SIDE BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION DURDAH (LIBYA IS WITHOUT A FOREIGN MINISTER). PRESS SAYS THEY DEALT WITH "PROBLEM OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES, PALESTINIAN ARAB CAUSE, AND EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOGUE". HE ALSO FOUND TIME TO SPEND ONE MORNING VISITING ROMAN RUINS.

2. SOARES IS QUOTED BY LIBYAN PRESS AS EXPRESSING "IMPORTANCE PORTUGAL ATTACHES TO DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AND WITH LIBYA IN PARTICULAR". IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, FULL TEXT OF WHICH WE ASSUME IS AVAILABLE TO DEPT AND LISBON, PORTUGUESE SIDE NOTABLY "EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PLO". IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT AIRPORT, SOARES IS QUOTED AS STATING, "WE CONSIDER PLO SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TRIPOLI 01232 131507Z

3. ON LIBYAN SIDE, IT IS APPARENT FROM COMMUNIQUE AND FROM STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO QADHAFI DURING HIS MEETING WITH SOARES THAT LIBYANS ARE STILL NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH PORTUGUESE INTENTIONS RE COLONIES. QADHAFI TOLD SOARES THAT "DISPITE FACT THAT FIRST OF SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION (I.E. LIBYA) BELIEVES THAT CONDITIONS HAVE NOT YET RIPENED (SIC IN PORTUGAL, NEVERTHELESS LIBYA HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE NEW REGIME AND BEGAN A DIALOGUE WITH IT". SOUNDING LIKE AN AFRICAN SPOKESMAN, QADHAFI URGED PORTUGAL TO "HURRY" WITH FREEING AFRICAN COLONIES, "IN ORDER TO GIVE MORE CONFIDENCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL...." MINISTER OF INFORMATION DURDAH IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT LIBYA ACCEPTED "IN PRINCIPLE" ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL.

4. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC REFERENCE MADE DURING VISIT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

STEIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, LIBERATION FRONTS, COMMUNIQUES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 13 NOV 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** cunninfx  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974TRIPOL01232  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740327-0267  
**From:** TRIPOLI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741145/aaaabmhd.tel  
**Line Count:** 82  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** LISBON 4925  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** cunninfx  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 30 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <30 MAY 2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <18 MAR 2003 by cunninfx>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SOARES VISIT TO LIBYA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, LY, PO, US, PLO, (SOARES)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005